

Month. My district is home to more than 30 miles of beautiful California coastline, which includes some of the most incredible marine and sea life. Sightings of whales and dolphins off the beach and marina have brought tourists and locals alike to Dana Point for decades. Making this local phenomenon more accessible, Donna and Gisele collaborated as co-directors of the Dana Point Whale Watching Company for sightseers to experience the magic up-close.

Their advocacy for local cetacean brought joy to all who frequent the city, but Donna and Gisele thought bigger, believing the world also deserved to know just how special the marine life experience in Dana Point is. With their combined effort to put the city's name on the map by showcasing the exceptional 450,000 "dolphin stampede" and year-round sightings of rare whales, Donna and Gisele worked together to earn Dana Point well-deserved international recognition.

In order to make that happen, the women formed a steering committee composed of civic, scientific, academic, business and community leaders, overcame challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and competed internationally to achieve the title that honors Dana Point's tradition as a pioneer in marine conservation. Due to their diligent work with the World Cetacean Alliance (WCA), Dana Point is officially recognized as the first and only Whale Heritage Site in the Americas and one of only four in the world. Better yet, they took the extra step to legally trademark Dana Point as the Dolphin and Whale Capital of the World.

As a native Southern Californian, I know first-hand how incredibly special our coastline and marine life are to the community. I'm grateful to Donna and Gisele for leading the charge in also letting the world know just how blessed we are to have these incredible creatures right here in our backyards. As leaders in the community, I thank them both for their advocacy and trail blazing efforts of bringing global attention to the United States of America being home to the most amazing populations of dolphins and whales like nowhere else in the world, especially in Dana Point. I'm honored to recognize them both as my April Constituents of the Month.

DAMION SCOTT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Damion Scott for earning the Top Mixed Media Award for his creative and unique artwork as part of the 2021 Congressional Art Competition.

As a first-time participant in the art show and a student at Westminster High School, Damion created a work of art entitled, "Extinction: A Crisis". This artwork used mixed media including watercolor, pen and acrylic, and it depicts the Puerto Rican parrot and hibiscus running down the page hinting at their existence while also addressing the issue of extinction.

Damion spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine his mixed media drawing skills and edu-

cation in the arts. I appreciate his participation in the competition and the support provided by his teacher at Westminster High School.

Congratulations to Damion Scott for his hard work and participation in the 2021 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain he will exhibit the same dedication and character in his future accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck going forward.

HONORING CLASS PRIVATE SECOND
SUDBRINK ROBERT HAROLD

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of an extraordinary man and hero, Private Second Class Robert Harold Sudbrink of Youngstown, New York.

Robert was born and raised in Astoria, New York, the son of William Sudbrink, an electrician who worked on the World Trade Center, and Mary Normoyle Sudbrink, a homemaker. He is the sixth of seven children. Two of his older brothers, William and Thomas, worked as New York City firefighters.

Robert was named after his uncle, Robert J. Sudbrink, who also had a decorated military career—he received the Silver Star from General John "Blackjack" Pershing for his service in World War I.

Continuing his family's history of decorated military service, Robert enlisted in the Army after graduating from Valley Stream South High School in 1968 at age seventeen. He completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He went on to complete his Airborne infantry training at Fort Gordon, Georgia, Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Special Forces training at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

On July 4, 1969, Robert was deployed to the Central Highlands of Vietnam as part of the 173rd Airborne Infantry Brigade. There, he worked closely with the South Vietnamese Army.

On March 13, 1970, Robert distinguished himself in the village of Loc Thai. There, he encountered a home in flames and acted on his instincts to assist the family inside. Instead of waiting for help, he entered the home multiple times to save a child's life, the family's food supply, and their personal belongings. He also helped the village extinguish the fire before it could spread to the rest of the village. For his heroic efforts, Robert was awarded the Soldier's Medal two months later.

After the war, he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army and returned home to New York City. In 1982, he met his wife, Bonnie Sudbrink. Together, they moved to Western New York and eventually built a home in Alden, New York.

In Alden, Robert worked as a mail handler for the United States Postal Service for twenty-two years. Now retired, Robert enjoys traveling, playing the banjo, and creating artwork in his free time.

He and his wife Bonnie have two daughters, both residing in New York: Courtney Lennon, an author and historian; and Maggie Matullo, an artisan. He also has two granddaughters: Gia and Olivia.

Our country could not be prouder of Private Second Class Robert Harold Sudbrink, a fellow New Yorker and true American hero. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Robert for his heroism, in thanking him for service, and recognizing him as the New York 27th Congressional District's Veteran of the Month of May 2021.

HONORING THE 2020 TEEN MISS
AGRICULTURE USA, SAMANTHA
HARPER

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Miss Samantha Harper, 2020 National Teen Miss Agriculture USA of Florahome, Florida. Miss Harper is a 2021-22 Florida State Fair Ambassador where she demonstrates her love for Florida's strong agricultural traditions. She also serves as president of the Putnam County 4-H County Counsel and is a proud FFA student and student government participant at Q.I. Roberts Jr./Sr. High School. Congratulations to Samantha on all of her accomplishments.

EVITA CARRASCO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Evita Carrasco for earning the First Place Award for her creative and unique digital drawing as part of the 2021 Congressional Art Competition. I am thrilled that this artwork will be on display in the United States Capitol for one year.

As a first-time participant in this art show, this student from Wheat Ridge High School created a work of art "A Blinded Goat". This artwork used a digital drawing of a red woman, blue background, lots of hands and a goat.

Evita spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine her drawing skills and education in the arts. I appreciate her participation in the competition and the support provided by her teacher at Wheat Ridge High School.

Congratulations to Carrasco for her hard work and participation in the 2021 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain she will exhibit the same dedication and character in her future accomplishments, and I wish her the best of luck going forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVE
PEOPLES

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Dave Peoples for his